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PASKO/SHIGETANI

"CAPTAIN'S LOG-
STARDATE
9546.3-

IN ORBIT
OVER
FEDERA-
TION
MEMBER
PLANET
MANARK
V..."



"I HAVE ACCOMPANIED
MR. SPOCK AND A BIOLOGIST,
LT. T'YEE, ON AN URGENT MISSION
TO THE SURFACE."




WE HAVE THE
MEDICAL SUPPLIES,
SCOTTY. BEAM US
UP -- THESE
CO-ORDINATES.



HALT!

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FEDERATION
DOGS! YOU
SHALL NEVER
TAKE MANARK V!

PHASERS--
ON "STUN!"

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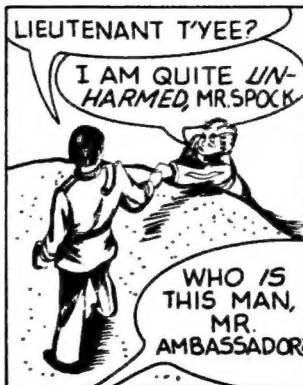
LIEUTENANT
T'YEE!

RIP!

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SPOCK -- FIRE!



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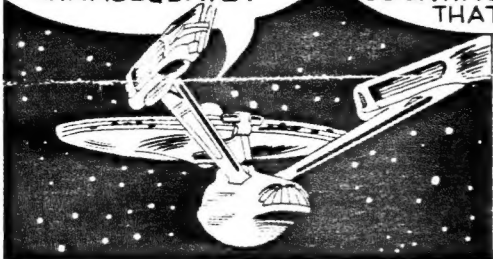


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SPOCK...ARE YOU SAYIN'
MY *PSYCHOLOGICAL*
PROFILE OF THE MAN-
ARKITES IS SOMEHOW
... *INADEQUATE*?

HARDLY, DOCTOR. I
WAS MERELY SUGGESTING
THAT *INTUITION* IS NO
SUBSTITUTE FOR THE
SCIENTIFIC METHOD
THAT --



SHUT UP, SPOCK-
JUST SHUT UP
AND LEAVE ME
ALONE! I'M SICK OF
YOUR MEDDLING!



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THIS LOOKS LIKE A
MERE *FLESH WOUND*,
LT. T'YEE--BUT I'LL CHECK
FOR INTERNAL
INJURY.



YES,
DR. CHAPEL.

THE *MEDICAL COMPUTERS*
SEEM TO BE *MALFUNCTION-*
ING, THOUGH.



I'LL HAVE TO
RUN A *SYSTEMS*
--CHECK.
EXCUSE ME.

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BUT MOMENTS LATER...



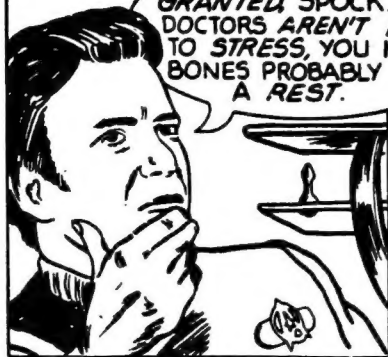


MANY OF THE CREW HAVE REPORTED **ABERRATIONAL BEHAVIOR** IN DR. MCCOY, JIM.

PERMISSION TO CONDUCT MY OWN INVESTIGATION..?



GRANTED SPOCK. BUT DOCTORS AREN'T IMMUNE TO STRESS, YOU KNOW. BONES PROBABLY NEEDS A REST.



UNTIL THEN, WE'LL HAVE TO PUT UP WITH HIM -- AS LONG AS THE ROUTINE IN SICK BAY ISN'T DISRUPTED.

WHILE IN SICK BAY..



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"CAPTAIN'S LOG -- STARDATE: 9552B. WE ARE ON COURSE FOR THE VANOWEN COLONY TO DELIVER MUCH-NEEDED MEDICAL SUPPLIES."



"I AM CONCERNED THAT THERE IS SOME UNCERTAINTY ABOUT OUR MEDICAL PERSONNEL'S RELIABILITY..."



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"...AS THEIR PERFORMANCE AT MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY WILL BE CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS MISSION."



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CAPTAIN'S LOG--SUPPLEMENTAL: DR. McCOY'S ERRATIC BEHAVIOR HAS AROUSED MR. SPOCK'S SUSPICIONS.



MY FIRST OFFICER IS NOW CONVINCED THAT THIS McCOY IS AN IMPOSTOR...



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RELAX, LT. T'YEE. THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR!



I'M DR. CHAPEL... YOU KNOW ME. YOU ARE MERELY OVERWROUGHT!



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...SO I'VE PREPARED 3 CC'S OF QUADROTHORZINE TO CALM YOU.

NO... NO! I CAN SENSE... THAT YOU AREN'T WHO YOU APPEAR TO BE...!



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IN A CORRIDOR, WHERE DR. MCCOY IS STARTLED TO HEAR SCREAMS FROM WITHIN SICK BAY:



SUDDENLY...



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**"FIRST
OFFICER'S
LOG:**

**IN ORDER
TO CONDUCT
MY EXAM-
INATION OF
THE
ENTITY
CLAIMING
TO BE
DR. MCCOY...**



**"...IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY
TO IMMOBILIZE IT WITH
A VULCAN NERVE PINCH."**



**SOMETHING
THE MATTER
WITH THE
DOCTOR,
MR. SPOCK?**



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**HARDLY, ENSIGN.
I AM MERELY...
DEMONSTRATING FOR
HIM AN ANCIENT
VULCAN TECHNIQUE
OF ARTIFICIAL
RESPIRATION.**



**OH...AH... RIGHT.
I SEE...**

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**IN ANOTHER PART
OF SICK BAY...**



**REPORT ON MEDICAL
SCAN OF THE ENTITY
CURRENTLY BELIEVED TO
BE DR. LEONARD MCCOY:**

**THIS DATA
SHALL BE
REGARDED
AS
CLASSIFIED**



**--
CLEARANCE
TO BE
RESTRICTED
TO ADMIRAL
KIRK AND
MYSELF.**

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**SCAN SHOWS THAT BRAIN
STRUCTURE MATCHES NO KNOWN
PATTERNS IN HUMANOID. IN SUM:
ENTITY IS NOT DR. MCCOY...**

**...BUT IS EVIDENTLY
AN ALIEN DUPLICA-
TION OF HIM.**



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"FIRST
OFFICER'S
LOG:

I HAVE
RETURNED
THE
MCCOY-
IMPOSTOR
TO
CONSCIOUS
NESS...
AND
USED

THE VULCAN MIND-TOUCH TO ERASE
ITS MEMORY OF MY HAVING FORCIBLY
SUBJECTED IT TO SCIENTIFIC STUDY."



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THE ONE-CALLED-T'YEE IS
ONE OF US NOW.)

OBserve,
ONE-CALLED
MCCOY!



COMMANDER UHURA, SEND A
SUB-SPACE MESSAGE TO THE
VANOWEN COLONY, INFORMING
THEM OF OUR E.T.A....



...AND ADVISE THEM
THAT WE ARE DELAYED
DUE TO AN ION
STORM IN THIS
SECTOR.



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ADMIRAL...MY MEDICAL
SCAN OF "DR. MCCOY"
CONFIRMS CONCLUSIVE-
LY THAT HE IS
ACTUALLY
AN ALIEN
IMPOSTOR.





IN ADMIRAL KIRK'S QUARTERS...



THIS BRAIN-SCAN
PROVES YOU RIGHT, SPOCK--
"MCCOY" IS AN ALIEN.

BUT HOW DID THIS
IMPOSTOR COME ABOARD?

WHAT THE
DEVIL?



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I'VE WEATHERED SOME
ROUGH ION-STORMS
IN MY TIME, BUT
THIS--

INDEED.

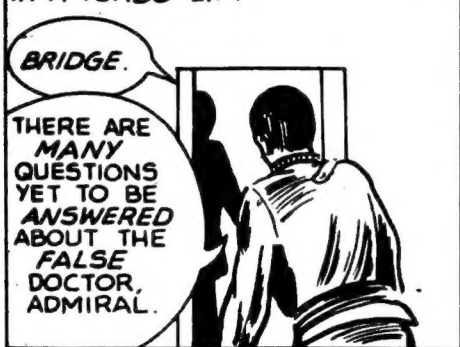


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IN A TURBO LIFT:



BRIDGE.

THERE ARE
MANY
QUESTIONS
YET TO BE
ANSWERED
ABOUT THE
FALSE
DOCTOR,
ADMIRAL.

YES. IF "MCCOY"
IS A NON-
HUMANOID,
WHAT FORM
OF LIFE
IS HE?



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JIM-- WE
ARE
DROPPING!

FREE-FALL!

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"CAPTAIN'S
LOG --
STARDATE
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ENTERPRISE
NOW
EXPERIENC-
ING
SEVERE
TURBULENCE
DUE TO
ION
STORM..."

THE TURBO LIFT--
IT'S IN FREE FALL!



CONTROL
RESTORED,
SIR.

GOD, SPOCK. BUT
I DON'T THINK
THIS WAS CAUSED
BY A SIMPLE
ION STORM.

ONE MOMENT,
ADMIRAL... WHILE
I ENDEAVOR TO
ENGAGE MANUAL
OVERRIDE.

"IT 'FEELS' LIKE SOMETHING MORE
SERIOUS," KIRK SAYS -- AND HIS
HUNCH PROVES CORRECT WHEN
THEY REACH THE BRIDGE:

ADMIRAL--
WE'RE BEING
FIRED UPON!



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"CAPTAIN'S
LOG--
SUPPLEMENTAL

ON COURSE
THROUGH
AN ION
STORM TO
DELIVER
MUCH NEEDED
MEDICAL
SUPPLIES
TO A
FEDERATION
COLONY..."

WE'RE BRACKETED,
ADMIRAL -- BY
ROMULAN CRUISERS!



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THEY CLAIM WE
HAVE VIOLATED
THEIR TERRITORY AND
THEY ARE MOVING TO
DESTROY US!



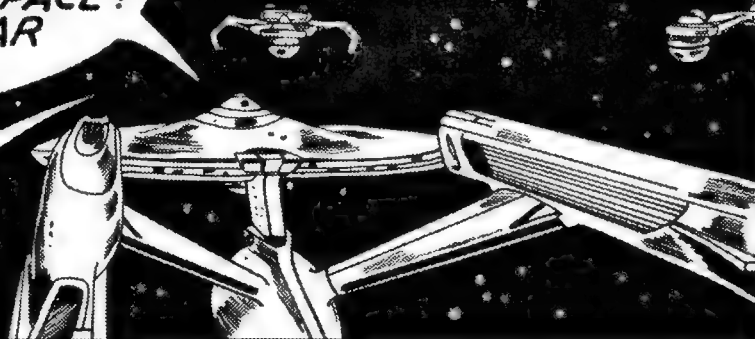


"CAPTAIN'S LOG--SUPPLEMENTAL: ENTERPRISE HAS BEEN SURROUNDED BY ROMULAN VESSELS -- AND THE ROMULANS DON'T TAKE CAPTIVES..."

--ACCORDING TO NAVIGATIONAL SENSORS, THAT IS PRECISELY WHERE WE ARE.

HOW COULD WE HAVE VIOLATED ROMULAN SPACE? WE'RE NOWHERE NEAR THE NEUTRAL ZONE!

BEGGING YOUR PARDON, ADMIRAL--



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BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

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THE ENTERPRISE NOW FINDS HERSELF IN THE NEUTRAL ZONE BETWEEN FEDERATION SPACE AND ROMULAN TERRITORY. BUT HOW?

IT WOULD SEEM THE ROMULANS HAVE DEVELOPED A NEW WEAPON WITH WHICH THEY NOT ONLY EVADED OUR SENSORS--

BUT ALSO TEMPORARILY INCAPACITATED THEM--

THAT EXPLAINS HOW THEY WENT UNDETECTED TILL JUST NOW.

--CAUSING A NAVAGATIONAL ERROR THAT ALLOWED THE ENTERPRISE TO PROCEED INTO THE NEUTRAL ZONE.

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ADMIRAL, *ENGINEERING* REPORTS
DAMAGE TO THE INTEGRATOR
BYPASS CONTROL. ONLY *IMPULSE*
POWER AVAILABLE, SIR.

HMMM...THE ROMULANS'
WEAPON CAUSED US TO
VIOLATE THE NEUTRAL ZONE--

--MEANING
THEY
DELIBERATE-
LY PROVOKED
OUR
INCURSION
--SO THEY'D
HAVE AN
EXCUSE
TO ATTACK
US!

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BUT
WHY? WHAT DO
THEY WANT?

ADMIRAL--THE
ROMULANS ARE
RETREATING, SIR!

WHAT?!

SENSORS INDICATE
ROMULANS *LEAVING*
THIS SECTOR--
AT MAXIMUM
WARP-SPEED.

BUT
WHY?
THAT DOESN'T
MAKE
SENSE!

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IT'S AS IF THEY ATTACKED
MERELY TO
CAUSE
DAMAGE--

ENGINEERING
NOW REPORT-
ING HEAVY
CASUALTIES,
ADMIRAL--*INCLUDING*
CHIEF ENGINEER
SCOTT!

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CAPTAIN'S
LOG--
STARDATE
9574.7:

NAVIGATIONAL
COMPUTER
MALFUNCTION
HAS RESULTED
IN AN
INCURSION
ON THE
NEUTRAL
ZONE--

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--AND AN ATTACK BY ROMULAN WAR-
SHIPS. HOWEVER--

THE ROMULANS ARE
RETREATING, ADMIRAL.

HARD ABOUT, THEN,
MR. SULU -- BEARING
57 - MARK-10--



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--WE'RE GETTING OUT OF HERE.

KIRK TO
ENGINEERING
WE NEED
WARP 12--

I CANNA'
DO IT,
ADMIRAL--
ONLY
IMPULSE POWER
AVAILABLE

...TILL REPAIRS
CAN BE
AFFECTED--
UNNHE

MR. SCOTT,
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
...SCOTTY? ...SCOTTY!
RESPOND!



CHIEF ENGINEER SCOTT HAS BEEN
INJURED DURING THE ROMULAN ATTACK...

TRICORDER
SHOWS
CONCUSSION
AND FIRST-
DEGREE BURNS

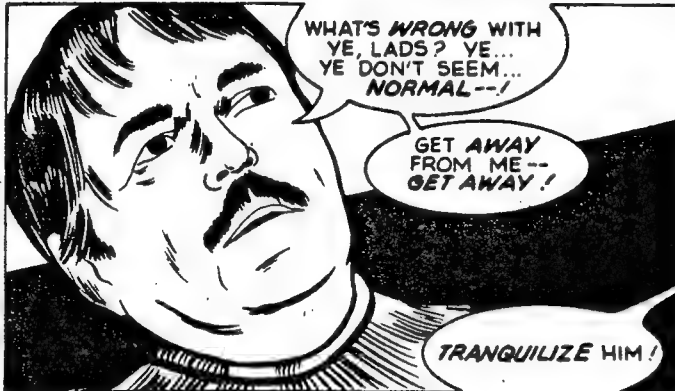
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WHAT'S WRONG WITH
YE, LADS? YE...
YE DON'T SEEM...
NORMAL--!

GET AWAY
FROM ME--
GET AWAY!

TRANQUILIZE HIM!



SPOCK, WHY WOULD THE ROMULANS ATTACK US -- THEN SIMPLY RETREAT?

UNKNOWN, ADMIRAL. BUT THIS POSES A SERIOUS PROBLEM--

--FOR I SUSPECT DR. MCCOY OF BEING AN ALIEN IMPOSTOR--
YES... AND WE MUSTN'T ALARM THE CREW TILL WE KNOW WHAT THE IMPOSTOR WANTS --

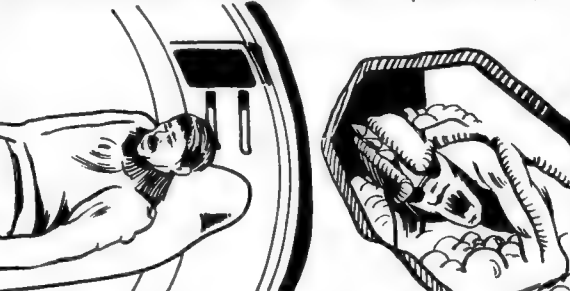
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"-- AND WHAT IT'S DONE WITH THE REAL BONES. BUT HOW DO WE KNOW OUR INJURED PERSONNEL AREN'T IN DANGER FROM THAT IMPOSTOR IN SICK BAY...?"

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PLEASE CO-OPERATE, MR. SCOTT -- WE MUST HAVE A THOROUGH BIO-SCAN TO FEED INTO THE MEDICAL COMPUTER FOR ANALYSIS.

BUT WHAT SCOTT DOESN'T KNOW IS THAT ALIEN ENTITIES HAVE INVADED THAT COMPUTER!



AND ONE OF THEM NOW USES THE DATA ON SCOTT AS A GUIDE...

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...IN SHAPING ITSELF INTO AN EXACT REPLICA OF HIM!



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IN THE MED-COMPLEX...



WE MAY BEGIN **DUPLICATING** THE **BODIES** OF THE INJURED AS SOON AS THEIR **BIO-SCANS** ARE ENTERED INTO THE MEDICAL COMPUTERS.

THE COMPUTER WILL THEN PROVIDE ALL **BIOLOGICAL DATA** NEEDED TO CREATE **EXACT** DUPLICATES.



ONE OF US HAS "BECOME" THE ONE CALLED SCOTT. WE HAVE **DISCARDED** THE **ORIGINAL**.

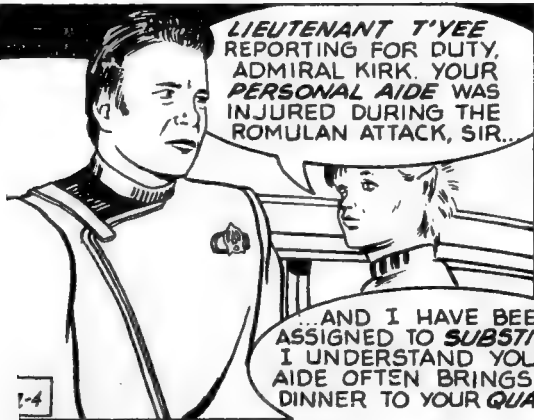
NOW I MUST "DISTRACT" **KIRK** WHILE **SCOTT** PERFORMS HIS **MISSION** ON THE BRIDGE!



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LIEUTENANT T'YEE REPORTING FOR DUTY, ADMIRAL KIRK. YOUR **PERSONAL AIDE** WAS INJURED DURING THE ROMULAN ATTACK, SIR..



AND I HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO **SUBSTITUTE**. I UNDERSTAND YOUR AIDE OFTEN BRINGS YOUR DINNER TO YOUR **QUARTERS**?



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WOULD YOU LIKE **ME** TO DO THE **SAME**, SIR-- TONIGHT...?



WELL... I... AH... **3AHEM** AFFIRMATIVE, LIEUTENANT. DISMISSED.

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CAPTAIN'S
LOG--
STARDATE
9578.8:

THE
ENTERPRISE
HAS BEEN
DISABLED
WHILE
CARRYING
MEDICAL
SUPPLIES
TO THE
VANOWEN
COLONY...

BRIDGE TO
ADMIRAL KIRK.



... I HAVE OUR ORDERS
FROM **STARFLEET COMMAND**:
WE'RE TO RENDEZVOUS WITH THE
STARSHIP **POTEMKIN** AT 0900 HRS.

POTEMKIN WILL COMPLETE OUR
MISSION TO THE COLONY--WHILE
ENTERPRISE DIVERTS TO
STARBASE 10
FOR REPAIRS.



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ADMIRAL?



YOUR *DINNER*,
ADMIRAL...?

THANK YOU,
LIEUTENANT T'YEE.
DISMISSED.



PERMISSION TO
SPEAK **FREELY**,
SIR?

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GRANTED.



I-I ARRANGED TO
BE ASSIGNED AS YOUR
PERSONAL AIDE. YOU
SEE, I'M FASCINATED
BY YOU.

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KIRK
REPLIES,
HIS
VOICE
A HOARSE
WHISPER...

AND I...
AM FINDING
MYSELF...
"DRAWN"
TO YOU
LIEU-- AH--
T'YEE.





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THE ENTERPRISE CREW IS SECRETLY BEING DUPLICATED AND REPLACED BY HOSTILE ALIENS.

BUT DATA CONTAINED IN SHIP'S COMPUTERS COULD BETRAY OUR PLAN.

PREVENTIVE MEASURES ARE NOW BEING TAKEN...

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"...BY OUR COMRADE WHO POSES AS THE ONE CALLED SCOTT."

I HAVE A COMPUTER-MALFUNCTION TO REPAIR HERE, MR. SULU.

I WASN'T TOLD ABOUT THAT..!

I WASN'T INFORMED THERE'D BEEN A LIBRARY-COMPUTER MALFUNCTION, MR. SCOTT.

A SKEPTICAL SULU SURREPTITIOUSLY TOUCHES A SWITCH...

...OPENING AN INTERCOM CHANNEL TO MR. SPOCK'S QUARTERS:

ADMIRAL KIRK ORDERED ME TO REPAIR IT PERS'NALLY, MR. SULU.

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BUT SPOCK KNOWS KIRK GAVE NO SUCH ORDER!

SPOCK
REALIZES
SCOTTY'S
"REPAIR-
WORK" ON
THE LIBRARY-
COMPUTER
IS MERELY
A RUSE...



MR. SCOTT, YOU
ARE ERASING
IMPORTANT
DATA FROM
THE MEDICAL
BANK. DESIST
AT ONCE!

BUT THE
ENGINEER
IGNORES
SPOCK!



SECURITY
TO THE
BRIDGE!

FOR REASONS
AS YET
UNKNOWN,
SCOTTY HAS
ATTEMPTED TO
ERASE VITAL
DATA FROM
THE LIBRARY-
COMPUTER!

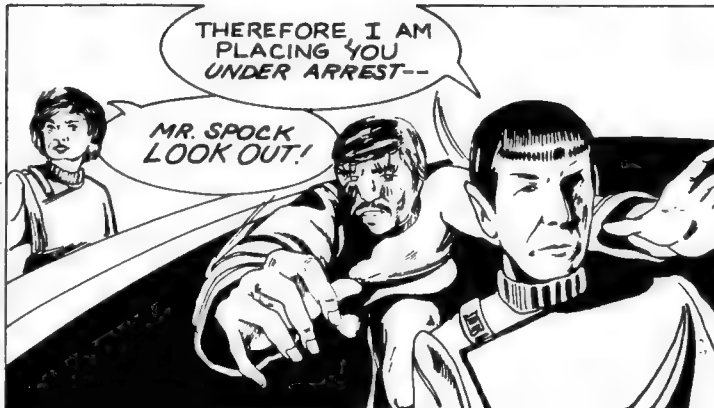


YOU HAVE
DISOBEYED
A DIRECT
ORDER TO
DESIST, MR.
SCOTT.

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THEREFORE, I AM
PLACING YOU
UNDER ARREST--

MR. SPOCK
LOOK OUT!



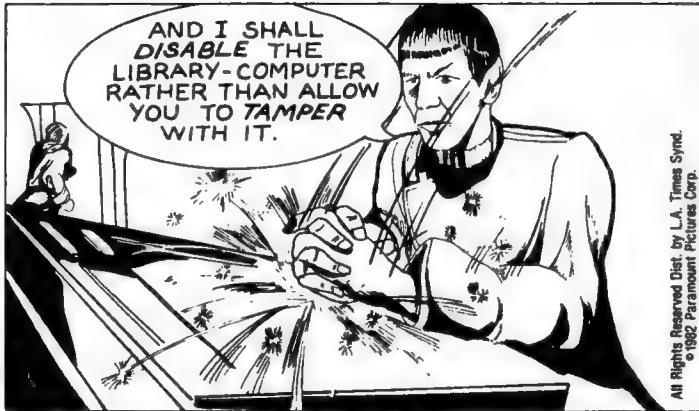
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ATTACKING ME
IS FUTILE
MR. SCOTT: VULCANS
ARE FAR STRONGER
THAN HUMANS...



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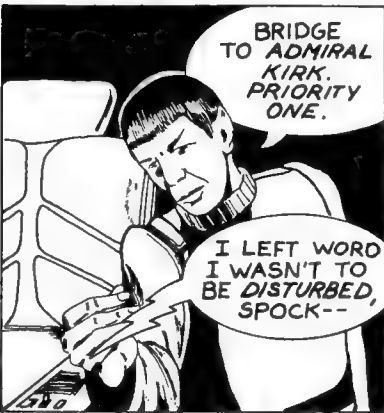
AND I SHALL
DISABLE THE
LIBRARY-COMPUTER
RATHER THAN ALLOW
YOU TO TAMPER
WITH IT.



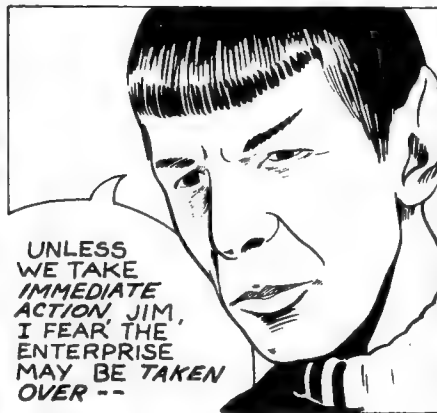
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BRIDGE
TO ADMIRAL
KIRK.
PRIORITY
ONE.

I LEFT WORD
I WASN'T TO
BE DISTURBED,
SPOCK--



UNLESS
WE TAKE
IMMEDIATE
ACTION JIM,
I FEAR THE
ENTERPRISE
MAY BE TAKEN
OVER --



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-- BY HOSTILE
ALIEN FORCES.

MEET ME
IN BRIEFING
ROOM-B--
ON THE
DOUBLE.



JIM-- SCOTT
ATTEMPTED
TO TAMPER
WITH THE COM-
PUTER WHILE
YOU AND T'YEE
WERE IN YOUR
QUARTERS...

... AND AFTER YOU
GAVE ORDERS NOT
TO BE DISTURBED.
COINCIDENCE? I
THINK NOT.

"I BELIEVE T'YEE, SCOTT AND OTHERS
ARE ENGAGED IN A CONSPIRACY..."

THEY SUSPECT
US. WE MUST
WORK FASTER
-- TO TAKE
OVER THE
ENTERPRISE!

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CONSPIRACY!

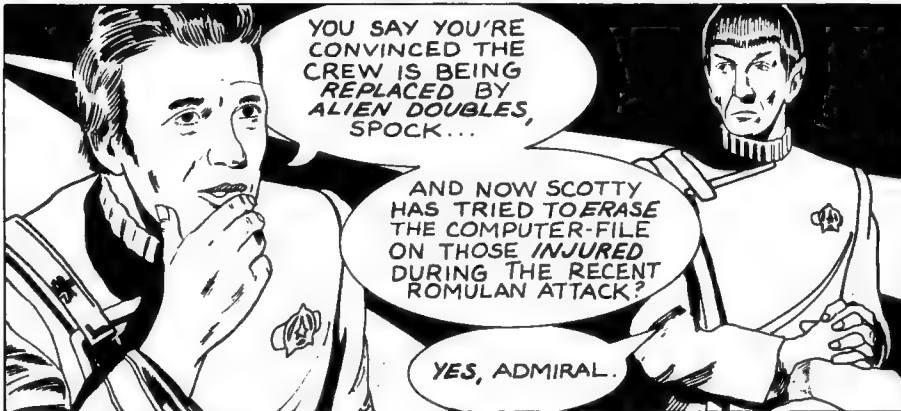
YES. I AM
NOW CERTAIN
THE CREW
IS BEING
REPLACED
BY ALIEN
DOUBLES
JIM-- ORIGIN
UNKNOWN.

McCOY WAS MERELY
THE FIRST. IT HAS
HAPPENED TO SCOTT,
T'YEE--POSSIBLY
OTHERS. I DO NOT
YET KNOW WHY...

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... BUT THE
PLAN HAS
APPARENTLY
ORIGINATED IN
THE MEDICAL
SECTION.



YOU SAY YOU'RE
CONVINCED THE
CREW IS BEING
REPLACED BY
ALIEN DOUBLES,
SPOCK...

AND NOW SCOTTY
HAS TRIED TO ERASE
THE COMPUTER-FILE
ON THOSE *INJURED*
DURING THE RECENT
ROMULAN ATTACK?

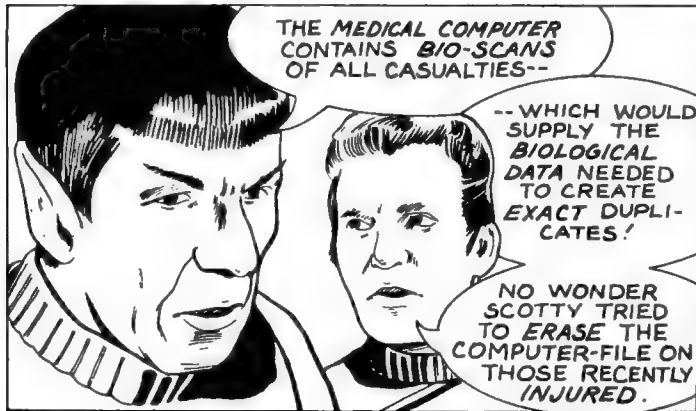
YES, ADMIRAL.

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SUPPOSE YOU'RE
RIGHT. WHAT
KIND OF DATA
COULD BE
CONTAINED IN
THE MEDICAL
COMPUTER
THAT THE
ALIENS
WOULDN'T
WANT US
TO HAVE?



THE MEDICAL COMPUTER
CONTAINS *BIO-SCANS*
OF ALL CASUALTIES--

--WHICH WOULD
SUPPLY THE
BIOLOGICAL
DATA NEEDED
TO CREATE
EXACT DUPLI-
CATES!

NO WONDER
SCOTTY TRIED
TO ERASE THE
COMPUTER-FILE ON
THOSE RECENTLY
INJURED.

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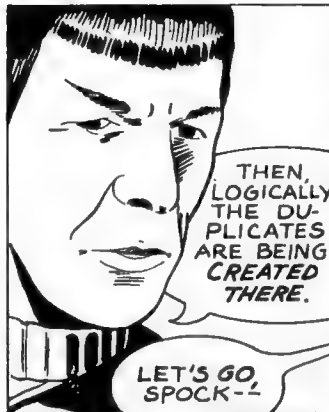
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THAT CASUALTY-LIST
WOULD TELL US
WHICH PERSONNEL
HAVE BEEN *REPLACED*
BY THOSE MYSTERIOUS
ALIEN DOUBLES!



FIRST "BONES"
ACTED STRANGE-
LY--THEN LT.
T'YEE AND
SCOTTY, AFTER
THEY'D BOTH
BEEN IN
SICK BAY...



THEN,
LOGICALLY
THE DU-
PLICATES
ARE BEING
CREATED
THERE.

LET'S GO,
SPOCK--

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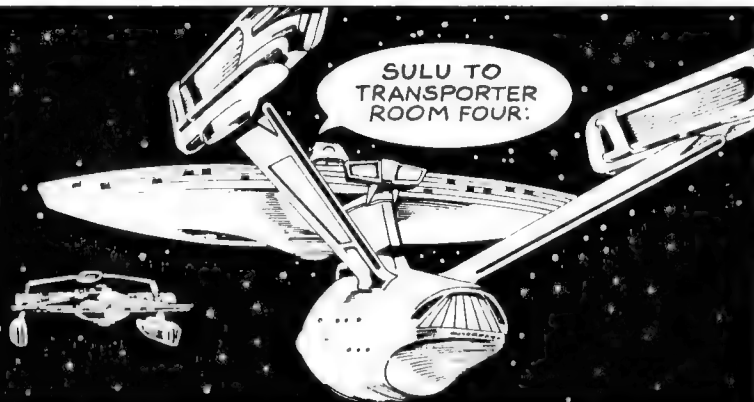
LOOK! THE CORRIDOR'S
PRACTICALLY DESERTED--

WE MAY BE
TOO LATE, JIM
-- THE SHIP
MAY HAVE ALREADY
BEEN TAKEN OVER!

"SHIP'S LOG
STARDATE
9579.4:

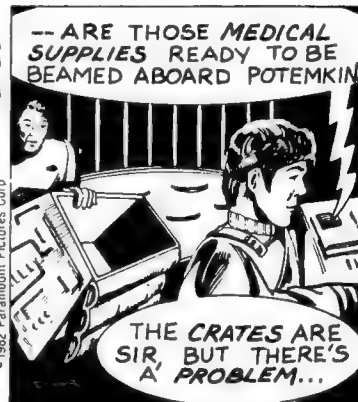
LT. COMMANDER
SULU
RECORDING:

RENDEZVOUS
WITH
U.S.S.
POTEMKIN
PROCEEDING
PER
ORDERS..."



SULU TO
TRANSPORTER
ROOM FOUR:

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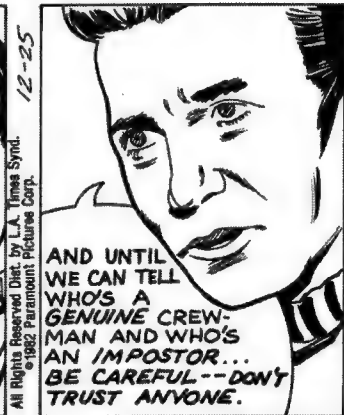
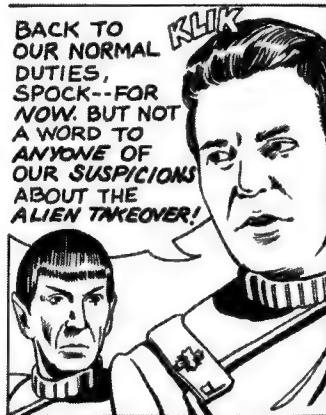


-- ARE THOSE MEDICAL
SUPPLIES READY TO BE
BEAMED ABOARD POTEMKIN?

THE CRATES ARE
SIR, BUT THERE'S
A PROBLEM...



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BRIDGE.

UHURA, INFORM THE VANOWEN COLONY OF OUR... DELAY IN DELIVERING THOSE MEDICAL SUPPLIES.



KLICK


SPOCK, SCAN THE SUPPLY-CRATES FOR CLUES TO HOW THEIR CONTENTS DISAPPEARED ... AND FOR A CONNECTION WITH THE ALIEN IMPOSTERS!

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BUT REMEMBER -- UNTIL WE SEPARATE THE "DUPLICATES" FROM THE GENUINE CREW... EVERYONE ABOARD IS A SUSPECT.



KIRK, YOUR ORDERS WERE TO TRANSFER THOSE MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO THE POTEMKIN!

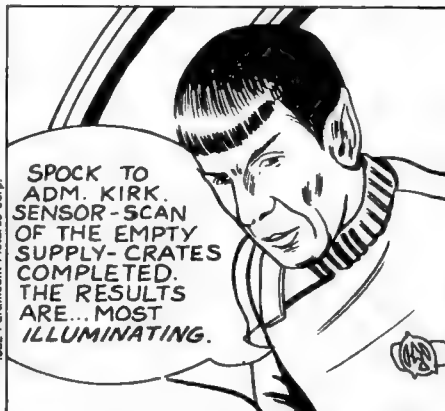
THEY'VE VANISHED, SIR!



WE'RE AFFECTING CONTINGENCY PLANS. BUT IF ANY COLONISTS DIE, STAR-FLEET WILL HOLD YOU RESPONSIBLE! STARFLEET OUT.

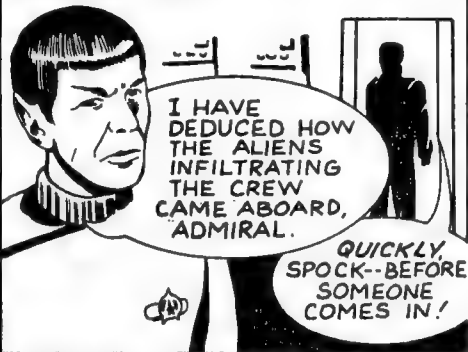
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SPOCK TO ADM. KIRK. SENSOR-SCAN OF THE EMPTY SUPPLY-CRATES COMPLETED. THE RESULTS ARE... MOST ILLUMINATING.

THE ENTERPRISE MEDICAL LAB:



I HAVE
DEDUCED HOW
THE ALIENS
INFILTRATING
THE CREW
CAME ABOARD,
ADMIRAL.

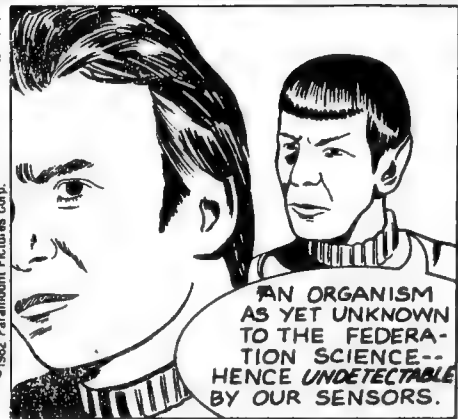
QUICKLY,
SPOCK--BEFORE
SOMEONE
COMES IN!



I BELIEVE A
MICROSCOPIC ALIEN
EMBRYO WAS INSIDE THE
CRATES CONTAINING MEDI-
CAL SUPPLIES INTENDED
FOR THE VANOWEN
COLONY--

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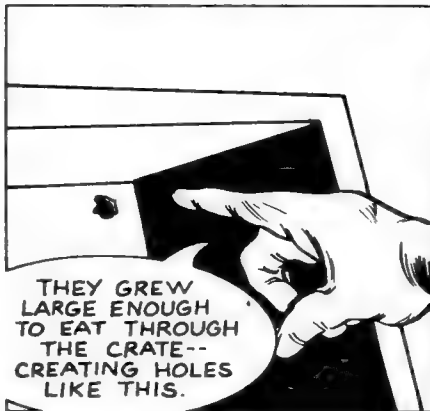
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AN ORGANISM
AS YET UNKNOWN
TO THE FEDERA-
TION SCIENCE--
HENCE *UNDETECTABLE*
BY OUR SENSORS.



WE FOUND
THESE CRATES
EMPTY, JIM, BECAUSE
ALIEN ORGANISMS
DEVOURED THE MEDI-
CAL SUPPLIES BEFORE
EMERGING.



THEY GREW
LARGE ENOUGH
TO EAT THROUGH
THE CRATE--
CREATING HOLES
LIKE THIS.

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YOU
MEAN IT
FED ON
THE SUPPLIES,
SPOCK?

PRECISELY.

ALIEN LIFE-FORMS FED ON THE MEDICAL SUPPLIES...THEN ATE THEIR WAY OUT OF THE CRATES?

YES, AND I BELIEVE THEY GREW TO MATURITY HERE...

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...INSIDE THE MEDICAL COMPUTER. AFTER THEY REPRODUCED THEIR OFFSPRING FORMED THEMSELVES INTO DUPLICATES OF THE CREW.

SPOCK BELIEVES THE ALIENS REPLACING THE CREW ARE THE OFFSPRING OF AN ORGANISM INHABITING THE MEDICAL COMPUTER.

POSSIBLE... BUT IT'S STILL JUST A THEORY, SPOCK.

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INDEED, ADMIRAL...?

ALIEN LIFE
FORMS HAVE
MATURED
INSIDE THE
ENTERPRISE
MEDICAL
COMPUTER,
THEN
REPRODUCED...

...WHEREUPON THEIR OFFSPRING
FORMED THEMSELVES INTO
DUPLICATES OF THE CREW!
NOW...



I BELIEVE
THAT, ADMIRAL,
IS ONE OF
THE LIFE-FORMS
IN QUESTION.

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SPOCK! PHASERS
--ON STUN!



BEFORE
SPOCK CAN
FIRE HIS
PHASER...



THANK YOU,
ADMIRAL.



DON'T
MENTION
IT, SPOCK.

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SECURITY
TO THE MEDICAL
LAB...

JIM--
LOOK!





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SPOCK "NERVE-PINCHES" THE RENEGADE SECURITY-MAN

THIS MAN MUST BE AMONG THE ALIEN IMPOSTORS, ADMIRAL. HE SOUGHT TO ATTACK YOU...

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...TO PROTECT THEIR SHAPE-CHANGING "COLLEAGUE".

BUT NOW... WHERE IS HE?

THAT SHAPE-CHANGING ALIEN-IT'S DISAPPEARED!

ELSEWHERE ABOARD THE ENTERPRISE:

I FEAR OUR PRESENCE HERE HAS BEEN DISCOVERED COMRADES!

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YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS:

DEATH TO THE CREW!

AN ANGRY HISS ALERTS SPOCK TO THE ELUSIVE ALIEN THAT HAS TAKEN OVER THE CREWMAN!

BEHIND YOU, ADMIRAL!

I SEE IT, SPOCK!

STUNNED INTO UNCONSCIOUSNESS...

... THE ALIEN RESUMES ITS TRUE APPEARANCE:

IT'S FROM MANARK II--!

FASCINATING. FEDERATION RECORDS DO NOT MENTION THAT MANARKITES ARE SHAPE-CHANGERS.

THE SHAPE-CHANGING ALIENS HAVE BEEN REVEALED AS...

NATIVES OF MANARK II-- WHERE WE PICKED UP THOSE MEDICAL SUPPLIES --?

WHILE ON THE REC DECK:

OUR PLAN TO TAKE OVER THIS SHIP HAS BEEN FOUND OUT, COMRADES! WE MUST ABANDON HER--

--BUT NOT BEFORE HER CAPTAIN AND CREW ARE PUT TO DEATH!

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MANARKITES STOWED AWAY IN THE MEDICAL SUPPLY CRATES WE BEAMED ABOARD, THEN QUICKLY REPRODUCED...

KIRK TO
BRIDGE...

... AND
SHAPED
THEMSELVES
INTO DUPLI-
CATES OF
THE CREW?
BUT WHY WOULD A FEDERATION
MEMBER-PLANET WANT TO
COMMANDEER A STARSHIP?

UNKNOWN,
MR. CHEKOV.

KIRK TO
BRIDGE... COME
IN... BRIDGE...!

NO ANSWER!

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SOON KIRK WILL DIS-
COVER THAT *OUR*
PEOPLE HAVE REPLAC-
ED HIS BRIDGE-CREW,
AND DIVERTED
TO PLANET
MURAKAMI IV
FROM THE
COURSE HE
ORDERED.

BUT BY THEN, WE
WILL HAVE ABAN-
DONED SHIP, LEAV-
ING ONLY KIRK
AND THE REAL
CREW ABOARD...AS
THE SHIP BEGINS
TO CRASH!

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UNABLE TO
CONTACT
THE BRIDGE.
KIRK, SPOCK,
AND CHEKOV
HURRY
THERE TO
FIND IT...

... DESERTED?!

LOOK--

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-- WE ARE
ORBITING
A PLANET!

AND INTRA-SHIP
SENSORS INDICATE
93.4% OF TOTAL
CREW-COMPLEMENT
HAS TRANSPORTED
TO THE SURFACE.

MOST OF THE MANARKITES
ABANDON SHIP...

BUT WHAT IF
THE REAL
CREW FOLLOWS
US?

WE SHALL
BE ARMED
AND READY.

WHILE ON THE BRIDGE...

ADMIRAL KIRK!
INTERNAL
SECURITY
MONITOR INDICATES
A BURGLARY--

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"-- OF THE VEAPONS-
STORE SIR! SOMEVUN IS
STEALING PHASERS!"

"CAPTAIN'S
LOG--
STARDATE
9379.5"

THE SHAPE-
CHANGING
ALIENS
WHO'D
ATTEMPTED
TO COMMANDER
THE SHIP HAVE
STOLEN
PHASERS
FROM THE
WEAPONS-
STORE...

LET'S GO.
PHASERS
ON "STUN".



--BUT BE
CAREFUL!



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CHEKOV--
LOOK OUT!

HOSTILE
ALIENS POSING
AS CREWMEN
HAVE ARMED
THEMSELVES!



YOU SHALL
NOT TAKE
US ALIVE,
KIRK!

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ONLY ONE
WAY TO
END THIS:



SET PHASERS
FOR "OVERLOAD!"

KIRK AND SPOCK SET THEIR PHASERS FOR "OVERLOAD"...

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YOU T'INK THE
EXPLOSION STOPPED
THOSE INVADING
ALIENS, ADM'RAL?

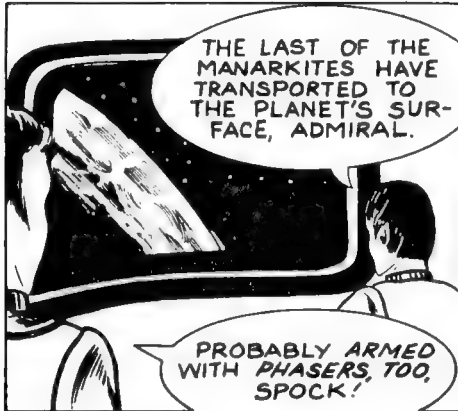
EASY ENOUGH
TO FIND OUT,
CHEKOV.

SENSORS INDICATE
THE MANARKITE ALIENS
HAVE BEAMED DOWN
TO THE SURFACE
OF MURAKAMI IX,
ADMIRAL.

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WE SHALL
HAVE TO PURSUE
THEM--

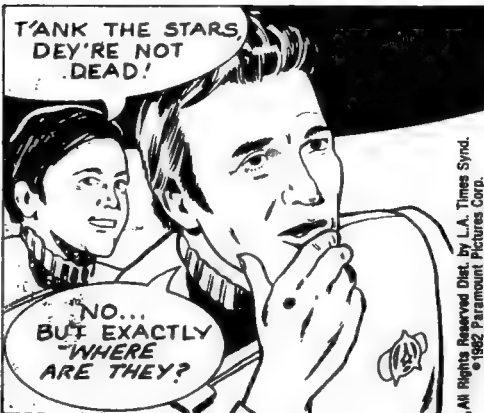
YES, SPOCK...
OR WE'LL
NEVER
SEE OUR
FRIENDS
ALIVE AGAIN!



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ABOARD THE SUPPOSEDLY-
DESERTED ENTERPRISE.

MANARKITES
DO NOT KILL
UNLESS
PROVOKED,
JIM.

SO THE
CREWMEN THEY
"REPLACED" ARE
STILL ALIVE!

SCOTTY'S DOUBLE
PROBABLY SABOTAGED
THE SENSORS--
TO PREVENT US
FROM DETECTING
THEM!

OBTAINING THE
MANARKITES HAVE
IMPRISONED THEIR
VICTIMS ABOARD
THIS SHIP.

BUT
WHERE,
SPOCK?

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THE MANARKITE
DOUBLES HAVE NO
DOUBT IMPRISONED
THE "ORIGINALS"
SOMEWHERE
ON BOARD.

THEY MUST
BE TRAPPED
IN ENCLOSED
AREAS, SPOCK
--LIKE SEALED-
OFF DECKS...
CRAWLSPACES
...! PACKED
LIKE
SARDINES.

--STARVING!
WE'VE GOT TO
FIND THEM!

I SHALL
BEGIN THE
SEARCH
AT ONCE,
ADMIRAL.

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WHILE SPOCK RACES AGAINST
TIME TO TRACE THE MISSING
CREW...



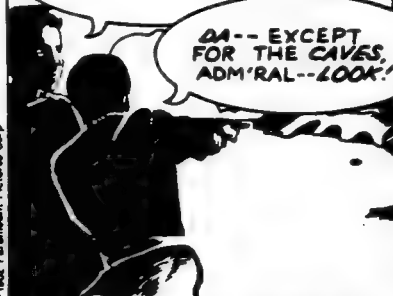
... KIRK AND CHEKOV BEAM
DOWN TO THE SURFACE OF
MURAKAMI IX TO CONFRONT
THE ALIEN IMPOSTORS!



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THE LANDSCAPE'S
FLAT... BARE!

DA-- EXCEPT
FOR THE CAVES,
ADM'RAL-- LOOK!



SPOCK HAS FOUND
SCOTT IMPRISONED
IN HIS OWN
QUARTERS:

YOU HAD
BEEN SEALED
IN HERE BY THE
MANARKITES--
COMMANDER
SCOTT...?

AYE, MRSPOCK



ORBIT
IS DECAYING.

I KNOW THEY
SHUT DOWN
MY ENGINES!
WE GOT TWO
HOURS TO FIRE
'EM UP AGIN...



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OR WE'LL CRASH
THROUGH THE PLANET'S
OUTER ATMOSPHERE
-- AN' BURN TO
A CRISP!



TOGETHER, SPOCK AND SCOTT
FIND THE CREW PERSONNEL
IMPRISONED BY THE
MANARKITES ABOARD THE
ENTERPRISE --



-- RACING TO ASSEMBLE
THEM IN TIME TO REVERSE
THE SHIP'S DEATH-PLUNGE
TOWARD THE PLANET BELOW!

"CAPTAIN'S
LOG --
STARDATE
9579.6:

ON MURAKA-
MI II, LT.
CHEKOV AND
I HAVE
ENTERED
THE LABY-
RINTINE
CAVES TO
FIND THE
MANARKITES
...



BUT CHEKOV TAKES
AN UNLUCKY STEP



MR. CHEKOV...
MR. CHEKOV...?

CHEKOV--
WHERE ARE
YOU?



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***CAPTAIN'S
LOG--
SUPPLEMENTAL**

**CHEKOV
HAS BEEN
LOST IN
THE
CAVERNS
OF
MURAKAMI
IX...**



**MEANWHILE -- SEVERAL
FEET ABOVE...**



**JIM
...JIM!**

**T'YEE!
IS THAT
YOU?**

**YES, BELOVED
-- LOWER
YOUR PHASER
AND I'LL
PROVE IT!**

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**ENCOUNTERING
T'YEE IN THE
CAVERNS,
KIRK DOESN'T
REALIZE
SHE'S AN
IMPOSTOR
WHO HAS
DUPLICATED
T'YEE'S
LIMITED
TELEPATHIC
ABILITY.**



**USING THAT POWER,
SHE HAS MOMENTARILY
CLOUDED KIRK'S MIND--**



**...CAUSING HIM TO
LOWER HIS GUARD!**

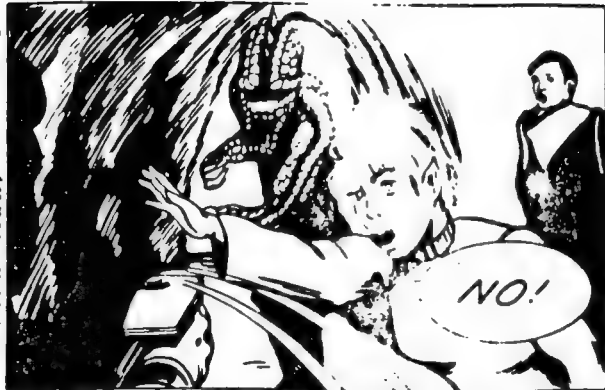
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THE "SPELL" T'YEE HAS CAST
OVER KIRK IS SUDDENLY BROKEN!

ADM'RAL!
LOOK
OUT--



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NO!



T'YEE!

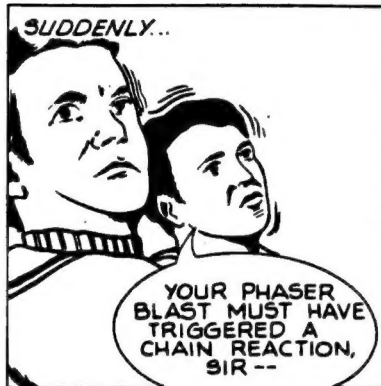
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SHE SHE LEAPED
INTO THE PATH OF
MY FIRE...

WE'VE GOT
TO GET OUT
OF HERE,
ADM'RAL--
LISTEN!

RUMBLE





ALTHOUGH KIRK
AND CHEKOV
ESCAPE THE
CAVE-IN ...

LOOK, ADM'RAL
--THE MANARKITES!

BREAK OFF
YOUR HOSTILITIES
--YOUR LEADER
IS DEAD!

DEY VON'T
LISTEN,
SIR!

ENTERPRISE
TO ADMIRAL
KIRK...!

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CREW FULLY RECOVERED
...ORBIT STABILIZED.
ALL SYSTEMS
NORMAL,
ADMIRAL.

SPOCK,
LISTEN...

LOCK
SHIP'S PHASERS
ON THESE
CO-ORDINATES
--ON "STUN"
--WIDEST
ANGLE OF
DISPERSAL!

"NOW--
FIRE!"

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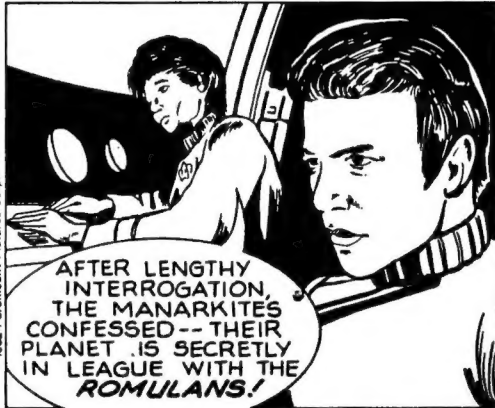
"CAPTAIN'S
LOG--
STARDATE
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WE HAVE
REMANDED
THE MANAR-
KITES TO
STARFLEET
CUSTODY
ON STAR-
BASE XIV..."



ADMIRAL,
I'VE JUST
HEARD FROM
THE STARBASE.

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AFTER LENGTHY
INTERROGATION,
THE MANARKITES
CONFESSED-- THEIR
PLANET IS SECRETLY
IN LEAGUE WITH THE
ROMULANS!

"CAPTAIN'S
LOG--
SUPPLEMENTAL:

WE ARE
PROCEEDING
TO THE
ORGANIA
SYSTEM TO
PICK UP
NEW MEDICAL
SUPPLIES
FOR THE
VANOWEN
COLONISTS..."



THE
MANARKITES
--IN LEAGUE
WITH THE
ROMULANS?

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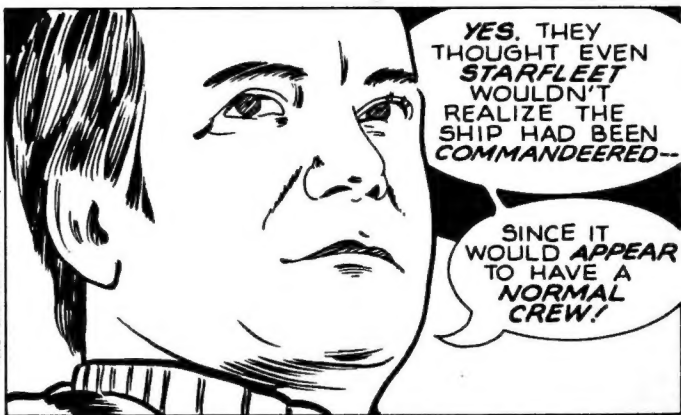
SO THAT'S WHY
ROMULANS ATTACKED
US WITHOUT
PROVOCATION--

YES, THE
MANARKITES
WERE ATTEMPTING
TO TAKE OVER
THE ENTERPRISE
FOR THEM!



SO THE
MANARKITES
DUPLICATED THE
CREW IN AN EFFORT
TO **CAPTURE** A
FEDERATION STARSHIP
FOR THE ROMULANS?

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YES, THEY
THOUGHT EVEN
STARFLEET
WOULDN'T
REALIZE THE
SHIP HAD BEEN
COMMANDEERED--

SINCE IT
WOULD **APPEAR**
TO HAVE A
NORMAL
CREW!



BONES, I THINK
I'M AS FOND OF
THE **REAL**
T'YEE AS I
WAS OF HER
DOUBLE.



LIEUTENANT, WILL
YOU JOIN ME FOR
DINNER?

THAT
WOULD BE
IMPROPER,
ADMIRAL.

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GOT YOUR
WORK CUT
OUT FOR
YOU, JIM!

(SIGH)
STEADY AS
SHE GOES,
MR. SULU...